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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Frank Pace, Jr.  
Secretary of the Army

SUBJECT: Enlistment and Release from Active Duty of CIA Personnel

1. The standards which we have had to establish for para-military and a limited number of other highly scientific and technical personnel can be set principally by individuals eligible for military service under the Selective Service Act. Arrangements have been made with the National Selective Service Headquarters to defer para-military personnel, selected for assignment overseas, only for the duration of the overseas duty. Deferment of scientific and technical personnel has been arranged for an indefinite period only, inasmuch as these individuals are not sent overseas. Draft eligibility is extended to age 35 as a result of these deferments. Extending the age eligibility further complicates our problem since personnel of this Agency again become eligible for induction into military service at some future date. This is true despite the fact that their services with CIA are not only very valuable to the national security, but in many cases are extremely hazardous. The probability that CIA service will be followed by military service, through the draft, is a major obstacle to recruitment of qualified personnel. This, in turn, creates a serious problem in connection with our operational programs and commitments.

2. In order to alleviate these difficulties, it is proposed that not more than 600 para-military, scientific, and technical personnel per year be recruited and enlisted in the Army. Upon completion of basic military training, they would be released under the provisions of AR 615-365 (National Health and Interest) and transferred to the Organized Reserve Corps in accordance with Section 4, Selective Service Act of 1948. CIA could then obtain their services when this transfer was effected. Through this procedure these individuals would be available to the Defense Department in the event of separation from this Agency.

3. If you concur with this proposal in principle, Brigadier General F. Trubee Davison, my Assistant Director for Personnel, will work out the details with your designated representative.

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